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Election/Restrictions

1. Upon reconsideration, the new claims 35-52 filed on April 13, 2005, are directed on inventions that are independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: The original invention involves with data sample generation such as grouping and classifying base on distance detection and convergence detection of data. However, the new claims 35-42, drawn to a system for receiving input facial images and compare with template images base on the correlation between images and new claims 43-52, drawn to a method for building a database of facial orientation of image templates by processing images in different directions, determining orientation angle of images, and calculating distances within the range of images. Thus, the restriction filed 07/13/2005 is withdrawn. The Examiner apologizes for the inconvenience that may have caused the Applicant regarding this subject matter.
2. The amendment filed on April 13, 2005 is canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because they are drawn to inventions that are independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed as explained above.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

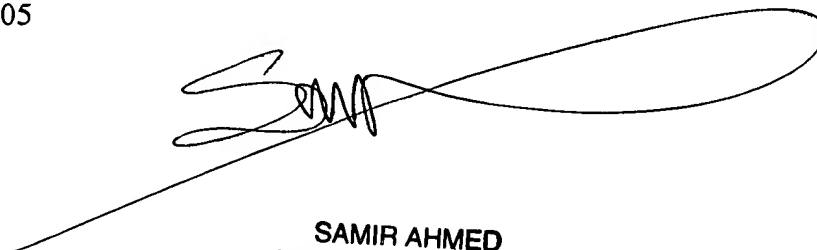
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3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian Q. Le whose telephone number is 571-272-7424. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 A.M - 5:30 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Amelia Au can be reached on 571-272-7414. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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